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*History Lives on Fayetteville Street*

August 18, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to notify you of the endorsement of the Fayetteville Street Planning Group for the TIGER grant application to support the Durham, North Carolina Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

The streetscapes project is the result of a long and detailed public process combining professional guidance with strong community input. The project will improve the appearance of key neighborhood commercial corridors around downtown Durham. It will create jobs in the local construction industry and related industries. The improvement of the appearance of these key corridors and the enhancement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in these neighborhoods will improve their attractiveness and viability as commercial and residential areas. It will encourage new businesses to locate in these corridors as well as increasing customer traffic for existing businesses.

The enhancement of Fayetteville Street, within this project, will be an important component of our goal of bringing economic vitality back to one of Durham's most important neighborhoods, a historic center for Durham's African-American community for over one hundred years. Fayetteville Street is also a major gateway for the eastern half of Durham. Important educational and cultural facilities, along with over one hundred small businesses already on the corridor, will benefit from the streetscape improvements.

As retail business expands in these corridors, producing new job opportunities in the retail sector, it will have a secondary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, leading to increased new housing development and to the upgrading of existing housing in these areas. This will produce increased job growth in residential construction as well as commercial construction. It could also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely yours,

Denise Hester  
Fayetteville Street Planning Group



August 24, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to notify you of the endorsement of North Carolina Central University for the TIGER grant application to support the Durham, North Carolina Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

The streetscapes project is the result of a long and detailed public process combining professional guidance with strong community input. The University has been an active participant in this process. The project will improve the appearance of key commercial corridors in downtown neighborhoods and downtown gateways. It will create jobs in the local construction industry and related industries. The improvement of the appearance of these key corridors and the enhancement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in these neighborhoods will improve their attractiveness and viability as commercial and residential areas. It will encourage new businesses to locate in these corridors as well as increasing customer traffic for existing businesses.

Within the overall project, the Fayetteville Street corridor improvements will have the very direct effect of enhancing our program of expansion and improvement of the University's campus. It will increase the attractiveness of the principal road leading to the campus, while improving pedestrian and vehicular safety and convenience for our students, employees and residents of the surrounding neighborhood. Expanding retail services near the campus will be an additional benefit for our campus community.

As retail business expands in these corridors, producing new job opportunities in the retail sector, it will have a secondary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, leading to increased new housing development and to the upgrading of existing housing in these areas. This will produce increased job growth in the residential construction as well as commercial construction industries. It could also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely,

Charlie Nelms  
Chancellor





August 18, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to notify you of the endorsement of the Durham Workforce Development Board for the TIGER grant application to support the Durham Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

The streetscapes project will advance our goals by providing short and long term employment opportunities and business development in several of our downtown neighborhoods most in need of economic development. The project, in and of itself, will create jobs in the local construction industry and related industries. In the longer term, the improvement of the appearance of these key corridors and the enhancement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in these neighborhoods will improve their attractiveness and viability as commercial and residential areas. This will produce increased retail business growth. It will encourage new businesses to locate in these corridors as well as increasing customer traffic for existing businesses.

As retail business expands in these corridors, producing new job opportunities in the retail sector, it will have a secondary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, leading to increased new housing development and to the upgrading of existing housing in these areas. This will produce increased job growth in the residential construction as well as commercial construction. It could also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely yours,

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Kevin S. Dick, Executive Director  
Durham Workforce Development Board

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August 18, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
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Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing in support of the City of Durham's TIGER grant application to support the Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

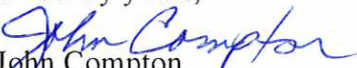
The streetscapes project is the result of a long and detailed public process combining professional consultants with strong community input. The project will improve the appearance of key commercial corridors in downtown neighborhoods and downtown gateways. The project has been very sensitive to the historic character of the affected neighborhoods and includes design elements reflective of that history.

Preservation Durham (The Historic Preservation Society of Durham, Inc.) has been active for the past thirty-five years in working to preserve, restore and celebrate historic and architecturally significant structures and neighborhoods in Durham and to celebrate Durham's rich history. The neighborhoods and streets affected by this proposed project are important components of this city's history and include locations of significance to our efforts. They are especially significant to the cultural and historical importance of our African-American community.

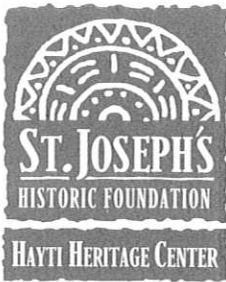
As retail business expands in these corridors creating new jobs in the retail sector, the desirability of these neighborhoods will lead to new development. In addition existing housing, commercial and civic buildings of significance will be upgraded, which is a key component of the mission of Preservation Durham. This project will produce increased job growth in construction and restoration and most importantly, it will also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely yours,

  
John Compton  
Executive Director

August 14, 2009



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Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to notify you of the endorsement of the St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc., administrators of the Hayti Heritage Center, for the TIGER grant application to support the Durham, North Carolina Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

The streetscapes project is the result of a long and detailed public process combining professional guidance with strong community input. The project will improve the appearance of key commercial corridors in downtown neighborhoods and downtown gateways. It will create jobs in the local construction industry and related industries. The improvement of the appearance of these key corridors and the enhancement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in these neighborhoods will improve their attractiveness and viability as commercial and residential areas. It will encourage new businesses to locate in these corridors as well as increasing customer traffic for existing businesses.

The enhancement of Fayetteville Street, within this project, will be an important component of our goal to strengthen economic and cultural vitality in Durham's Hayti neighborhood, a historic center for Durham's African-American community for over one hundred years. Fayetteville Street is also a major gateway for the eastern half of Durham. Important educational and cultural facilities along this corridor, including North Carolina Central University and the historic Hayti Heritage Center, will benefit along with the retail and residential benefits.

As retail business expands in these corridors, producing new job opportunities in the retail sector, it will have a secondary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, leading to increased new housing development and to the upgrading of existing housing in these areas. This will produce increased job growth in residential construction as well as commercial construction. It could also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely yours,

V. Dianne Pledger  
President, St. Joseph's Historic Foundation, Inc.





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August 19, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to express the support of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce for the City of Durham's **TIGER** grant application to support the Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project. Durham is working in a very concerted manner to improve its inner city areas and we are investing significant city financial and programmatic resources to inject new energy and vitality into our inner city neighborhoods.

The streetscapes project will improve our community by providing short and long term employment opportunities and business development in several of our inner city neighborhoods most in need of economic activity. First, the project will create immediate jobs in the local construction industry and related industries. Second, in the longer term; the improvement in the appearance of these key corridors and the enhancement of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in these neighborhoods will improve their attractiveness and viability as commercial and residential areas. This will encourage new businesses to locate in these corridors, as well as increase customer traffic for existing businesses. This increased business activity will have the desired impact of creating new employment opportunities.

As retail business expands in these corridors, it will have a corollary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, further attracting additional investment in the neighborhoods. Following past examples where neighborhood improvements were implemented, we witnessed increased resident pride in their neighborhood and a corresponding decrease in criminal behavior in the re-energized neighborhood.

The Durham Chamber of Commerce requests your support of this worthy project.

Sincerely yours,

Ted Conner, Vice President for Economic Development



## PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME-DISTRICT 1 (PAC 1)

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**CO-FACILITATORS**

Melvin Whitley, (919) 596-9691

August 18, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to notify you of the endorsement of the Durham Partners Against Crime – District 1, for the TIGER grant application to support the Durham, North Carolina Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

**The Partners Against Crime** (PAC) Program is a collaborative effort of police officers, residents, and city and county officials to find sustainable solutions to community crime problems and quality of life issues. PACs are community-based, volunteer organizations that promote and execute safety strategies to prevent crime at the neighborhood level. Neighborhood Watch, National Night Out, and Project Safe Neighborhoods are the most effective strategies that bring police, the community, and/or government officials together.

Each PAC holds a monthly meeting. At the PAC meeting, district police personnel provide updates on crime, specifically solutions and crime prevention efforts. Membership and meetings are opened to residents, churches, businesses, and neighborhood organizations located within that district. PAC groups have worked to get rid of dilapidated housing and are actively involved with community clean-up and re-build initiatives.

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The enhancement of the East Main Street corridor and the Angier Avenue/Driver Street intersection, within this project, will be important components of our goal to strengthen economic and cultural vitality in Durham's downtown neighborhoods, within the city's 1<sup>st</sup> police district. In addition to these two corridors, which lie completely within the district, the Mangum Street, Corporation Street Intersection corridor lies at the intersection of this district with 2 other districts.

As retail business expands in these corridors, producing new job opportunities in the retail sector, it will have a secondary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, leading to increased new housing development and to the upgrading of existing housing in these areas. This will produce increased job growth in residential construction as well as commercial construction. It will also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely yours,

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Melvin Whitley, Co-Facilitator  
Partners Against Crime – District 1

# **PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME DISTRICT - 3**

August 18, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
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Dear Secretary LaHood:

I am writing to notify you of the endorsement of the Durham Partners Against Crime – District 3, for the TIGER grant application to support the Durham, North Carolina Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

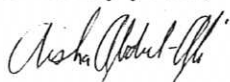
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The enhancement of The West Chapel Hill Street corridor, within this project, will be important components of our goal to strengthen economic and cultural vitality in Durham's downtown neighborhoods, within the city's 3rd police district. The corridor is a major connector between the downtown business district and Duke University and is a gateway from the Durham Expressway, which is the principal downtown connector to Interstate 40, Interstate 85 and Raleigh/Durham International Airport.

As retail business expands in these corridors, producing new job opportunities in the retail sector, it will have a secondary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, leading to increased new housing development and to the upgrading of existing housing in these areas. This will produce increased job growth in residential construction as well as commercial construction. It will also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely yours,



Aisha Abdul-Ali  
Partners Against Crime – District 3



# PARTNERS AGAINST CRIME DISTRICT FOUR

Harold Chestnut – President

August 18, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
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Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to notify you of the endorsement of the Durham Partners Against Crime – District 4, for the TIGER grant application to support the Durham, North Carolina Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

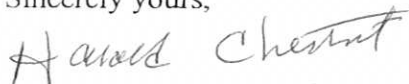
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The enhancement of Fayetteville Street, within this project, will be an important component of our goal to strengthen economic and cultural vitality in Durham's Hayti neighborhood, a historic center for Durham's African-American community for over one hundred years as well as other areas within the city's 4<sup>th</sup> police district. Fayetteville Street is also a major gateway for the eastern half of Durham. Important educational and cultural facilities along this corridor, including North Carolina Central University and the historic Hayti Heritage Center, will benefit along with the retail and residential benefits.

As retail business expands in these corridors, producing new job opportunities in the retail sector, it will have a secondary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, leading to increased new housing development and to the upgrading of existing housing in these areas. This will produce increased job growth in residential construction as well as commercial construction. It will also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely yours,



Harold Chestnut, President  
Partners Against Crime – District 4



# Cultural Master Plan Advisory Board

*A joint project of the City and County of Durham*



August 14, 2009

Secretary Ray LaHood  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary LaHood,

I am writing to notify you of the endorsement of the Durham Cultural Master Plan Advisory Board for the TIGER grant application to support the Durham, North Carolina Targeted Inner City Neighborhood Key Commercial Districts Streetscapes Project.

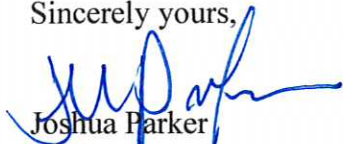
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As a citizen body established to advise local government on implementation of the Durham Cultural Master Plan, our board sees the streetscapes project as an important enhancement to the appearance, economic development and quality of life in several of our most historically significant neighborhoods. The affected neighborhoods are rich in local history as well as buildings of cultural and architectural distinction. As we advance efforts to recognize and celebrate this city's history and to use our cultural assets to support economic growth in economically depressed neighborhoods through increased tourism and local visitor activities, the improvement of the streetscapes of these key corridors will be an important aid in that effort.

As retail business expands in these corridors, producing new job opportunities in the retail sector, it will have a secondary effect of improving the desirability of these neighborhoods as residential areas, leading to increased new housing development and to the upgrading of existing housing in these areas. This will produce increased job growth in residential construction as well as commercial construction. It could also have a positive effect on crime reduction and other aspects of livability in Durham's core neighborhoods.

We enthusiastically endorse this project.

Sincerely yours,

  
Joshua Parker  
Chair, Cultural Master Plan Advisory Board